

# Gallatin County 4-H Newsletter

April 2006

## Montana 4-H “Learn by Doing” PHOTO CONTEST

Hey, is that a camera in your hand? Get clicking and enter the “Learn by Doing” Clover Photo Contest. Deadline is May 15. If you’re a Montana youth under 18 years old, enter a photo of yourself or your friends involved in experiential learning through Montana 4-H, and you just might win \$100. **Need ideas?** How about photos of kids working on 4-H projects, doing after-school 4-H activities, participating in 4-H camp, volunteering through 4-H or trying something new through 4-H? Since adults and teens are there to help 4-H’ers explore new challenges and master skills, we want to see them pictured, too. **One \$100 prize and two \$50 prizes** will be given for our favorite photos that show pictures of kids *learning by doing* through Montana 4-H. All entries may be used in the 4-H Clover magazine and project selection guide or kept for use in other 4-H publicity materials. (Adults and MSU Extension employees and their families are not eligible for the cash prizes, but they can donate photos to help publicize Montana 4-H youth development.) Photos will be judged on how well they express the Montana 4-H “**Learn by Doing**” theme and on the overall quality of the photo. Don’t forget that we prefer photos that *show 4-H’ers with adult or teen mentors*. (Parents count!)

**Tips for taking great photos:** Get *close* to the subject. Take photos in *good light*, such as natural or outdoor light.

**Focus.** Note whether there are distracting elements behind the person pictured that might detract from the subject.

**Show someone DOING something.** On digital photos, make sure your camera is set on its *highest* resolution setting (the one that makes the largest digital file).

**Entry Instructions:** Entries are due May 15, 2006. Entry forms and full contest rules are available through MSU Extension offices throughout the state (visit [msuextension.org](http://msuextension.org) to locate the County or Reservation MSU Extension office nearest you), or download the rules and forms on the Web at [montana4h.org](http://montana4h.org).



## Rabies Clinic

Pass Creek 4-H Club will hold its Rabies Clinic, April 22nd from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at Haugland’s shop. Distemper shots will also be given. \$18 for Rabies. Call 388-4547 for more information.

## LEADERS COUNCIL MEETING

The Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council will meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 at Mackenzie River Pizza in Belgrade. Bring your appetite and a few bucks for pizza. **Next meeting date is April 11, 2006.** The public is always welcome to attend, however the Council may go into Executive Session for issues of confidentiality and close the meeting to the public.

## ■ ■ ■ ■ Square Table ■ ■ ■ ■

The next leaders training square table event will be entitled, “Fun, Frolic, and 4-H: Come Play With Us!” The scheduled date is Thursday, April 27, 2006, at 6:30 pm, at the Belgrade Middle School and is open to 4-H leaders, families, and members. Our Gallatin County delegation to the Western Regional Leaders Forum will present hands on and fun activities learned at their workshops in SLC at the 2006 Forum. Plan on attending this fun and exciting time to learn new club, leadership and project ideas!



## WANTED: Camp Counselors/Jr. Leaders

**REQUIREMENTS:** Must have completed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and have attended one camp (First year teens may attend camp as a camper)

Any 4-H teen interested in becoming a counselor at the Gallatin County 4-H Summer Camp and meeting the above requirement is invited to attend our first official camp planning meeting which will be held on Wednesday, April 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ag Center meeting room at the Fairgrounds. Summer Camp will be held at Hyalite the week of June 18-23, 2006.

There will be CIT applications available at the meeting for first year eligible teens.

**Camp is just around the corner, so it is very important that we get a good turn out of returning Jr. Leaders.**



## Seeking a Top Teen

A teen 4-H member (14 or up) with leadership qualities and abilities is being sought to fill the role of Junior 4-H Ambassador for Gallatin County. The Junior and Senior Teen Ambassadors are the official spokespersons for the county 4-H program with the duties of promoting 4-H to all non-4-H audiences. This could include presentations to schools, letters to the editor in the local paper, recruiting volunteers, or any other 4-H promotional event. Ambassadors are asked to attend ambassador training during pre-congress weekend and a conference in the fall. The term of office is two years and begins in July during 2006 Montana 4-H Congress. At the end of the first year, the Junior Ambassador becomes the Senior Ambassador and a new Junior is recruited. If interested, go to [www.gallatinextension.com](http://www.gallatinextension.com) and you can print a PDF application or please call the Gallatin County MSU Extension Office for the form. Application deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Montana Junior Beef Expo Slated for June

The 15th Annual Montana Junior Beef Expo has been set for June 8-10, 2006. This annual youth event will again be held at the Central Montana Fairgrounds in Lewistown. Many events are being lined up to keep everyone involved and busy. Some of the many events include the jackpot steer show, open showmanship, eight individual breed shows, team fitting contests, team sales contests and don't forget the annual exhibitor/family BBQ. Entries will be sent out the beginning of May. If have any questions, please contact Mike Vanek or Mardi Linhart at 406-538-2164 or send an email to [mmcat-tle@midrivers.com](mailto:mmcat-tle@midrivers.com). If you have a heifer or steer in your show pen, come to Expo, meet some new friends and have some fun.



## Scholarships

The Montana 4-H Foundation currently awards several college scholarships annually at State 4-H Congress in July. The Foundation also helps fund 4-H members interested in international learning experiences like the IFYE Program. The Foundation has money available for both IFYE Ambassadors and IFYE Representatives. Interested in attending Citizenship Washington Focus, National 4-H Congress, Old West Regional Range Judging, or the Western 4-H Roundup? The Foundation has money available for interested 4-H members and volunteers to attend these programs. Scholarship winners are selected by a State Award Selection Committee in May.

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| • Montana Agri-Business            | Montana Meat Processors  |
| • Montana Wheat & Barley Committee | Douglas A. Dear Memorial |
| • N.A. Jacobsen                    | Alpha Gamma Rho          |
| • Wilcox Family Scholarship        | Murdoch's Scholarship    |



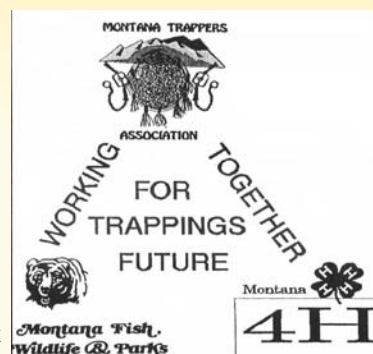
You can find all these applications on-line at either [www.gallatinextension.com](http://www.gallatinextension.com) (Go to 4-H, Scholarships, and you can then print the PDF applications) or you can go to [www.montana4h.org](http://www.montana4h.org) (Go to Foundation, Program Support, Scholarships and then you can find the applications there).

## 2006 CAT FUN DAY - Sunday, May 7, 2006

Lewis and Clark County is sponsoring an Invitational Cat Showmanship Competition on Sunday, May 7, 2006 from 1:00-2:30 pm at the Lewis and Clark County Fairgrounds 4-H Building. THE PURPOSE OF CAT FUN DAY IS: To test showmanship skills and knowledge of cats; to identify areas in which a member may need more practice or further study; to give members and cats travel experience and exposure to a fair-time atmosphere; to meet lots of cat loving people and learn more about cats. GAMES, VIDEOS, CONTESTS, PRIZES, LEARNING STATIONS, FUN, FUN, FUN, FUN!!! Contact the 4-H office for more information.

## Youth Trapper Camp 2005

First begun as a tri-agency endeavor between the Montana Trappers Association, the Montana Dept. of Fish, Wildlife & Parks and Montana 4-H, the three-day camp is held annually in the beautiful Bears Paw Mountains, south of Havre. This years camp will be June 9-11. Accommodations are semi-primitive with attendees providing their own tents, campers, RV's and personal items. All meals, soft drinks and eating utensils are provided. The camp is geared towards family participation, although youth over the age of 10 years may attend without an adult. These youth are housed in a barracks type tent with adult chaperones. Attendees are selected on a first come - first accepted basis. The Montana Dept of Fish, Wildlife & Parks offers a \$20.00 scholarship to the first 60 youth who apply and YTC, Inc. provides for the additional applicants who request help prior to April 15th, the closing date for camp is May 15. For more information or to request a pre-registration packet, visit [www.montanatrappers.org](http://www.montanatrappers.org) or e-mail [7mbuell@ttc-cmc.net](mailto:7mbuell@ttc-cmc.net) or contact Jim or Fran Buell, Box 133 Gildford, MT 59525, Ph: 406-376-3178.



## Montana Range Days - Park County, Montana June 19, 20,& 21 2006

Montana Range Days, Inc. is annual event that celebrates the importance of range and provides opportunities for learning about range and range management. To encourage young people to continue with education and careers in Range Science and related fields, three scholarships are offered through Montana Range Days. Montana Range Days is open to youth and adults as young as 4 years old. This is a great opportunity to learn, or refresh your memory about Montana's rangeland through workshops and tours. Whether you are an individual, 4-H or FFA member, there is a competition division made just for you. Range workshops include plant ID and anatomy, soils, range planning and more. The \$30.00 registration fee includes workshop materials and meals. There are scholarships available for the event and many local conservation districts have scholarships. There will also be adult educational tours during the event for those folks bringing 4-H members. The web site is: <http://cartercd.org/MRD--page%201.htm>

## Host Families Needed

As a reminder, there are three high school students coming next year for the entire academic year and the 4-H Center For Youth Development is continuing to look for host families. There is a 17 year-old girl from Japan who plays the trumpet and is very active in band, a 15 year-old boy from Japan who is the captain of his soccer club and a 15 year-old boy from Russia who enjoys music and soccer (his father is a touring classical pianist and a professor of music in St. Petersburg). If anyone is interested please contact **Stephanie at 994-3502** and she will be happy to forward anyone who requests it more specific information on these youth. An extra incentive for those hosting the Japanese students is \$1000 towards the cost of a trip to Japan (for youth ages 12-19). Finally, host families do not have to have children to host.

## Youth Horsemanship School 2005

The Montana State University Youth Horsemanship School has been developed to provide Montana Youth with useful equine information and skill development. The goals are to increase horsemanship skills, provide knowledge and incentive to be a more effective rider/horse unit and provide an enjoyable and effective educational experience. The date for this year's school will be June 26-June 30, 2006 and the cost is \$290 per student (Includes lodging, meals, and stalls). Only the first 50 students will be admitted to the 2006 Youth Horsemanship School.

Because of the popularity of the School, it will probably fill up quickly. We advise that if you are interested in attending, to send in your application and registration fee as soon as possible. Contact the 4-H office for application

Scholarships Available: The Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leader's Council is providing scholarships for 4-H members wanting to attend the Youth Horsemanship School. The amount of each scholarship will be determined by the number of applications received. To apply, please write a letter detailing why you want to attend the camp and submit your letter to the 4-H office by April 10th.





## 4-H Shooting Sports Training

Fergus and Judith Basin Counties will be hosting a 4-H Shooting Sports Training.

**Location-** Lewistown                      **Dates-** April 28 and 29

Times- Friday Evening 6 PM to 10 PM, Saturday, 8 AM to 5 PM

Training for: Rifle, archery, pistol and muzzle loader, shotgun

Cost- \$50

Registration Due- April 14

Registered participants will be sent a detailed agenda, motel information and directions to meeting sites.

You can download registration forms from our web site [www.tein.net/~msufergus/](http://www.tein.net/~msufergus/) click on 4-H, then Forms.

For Lewistown area questions please call Jennifer Saunders at the Fergus County Extension Office, 538-3919



## Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador

Beginning in 2006, 2 teen ambassadors will be chosen to represent Montana 4-H Shooting Sports. Shooting Sports Ambassadors will serve for one year. For example, ambassadors selected during summer of 2006 will represent Montana 4-H Shooting Sports for the 2006-2007 4-H year.

## What is the role of a teen Shooting Sports Ambassador?

Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors represent 4-H Shooting Sports for public relations purposes at special events and with the general public, 4-H groups, schools and media contacts.

Ambassadors serve as spokespersons for the Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Program at the state and county level, helping to make the 4-H Shooting Sports program more visible.

Ambassadors will further develop their skills in leadership, public presentation, citizenship, community service, public relations, team building, and will continue and expand their involvement in 4-H Shooting Sports beyond the shooting and competitive levels. Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors will serve on the Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee and will be expected to attend 2 meetings per year.

## Montana Eligibility

1. Must be 15 years of age, but not over the age of 18 as of January 1 of the current year.
2. Must have a minimum GPA of 2.5.
3. Must be currently enrolled in 4-H and currently participating in a 4-H Shooting Sports Program.

## Montana Selection Process

1. Meet Montana eligibility requirements.
2. Complete application, including essay and letters of recommendation.
3. If selected as a finalist, must attend Montana 4-H Congress to present a prepared, 5-8 minute presentation.
4. During State Congress, participants will be evaluated on: individual character, personal appearance, public relations skills, leadership skills and public speaking.

Contact the Extension Office for an application. Deadline is June 1, 2006.

## Club Lamb & Pig Sale

There will be a lamb and pig sale on Saturday, April 15th at the Y Knot Equestrian Center in Huntley. A selection clinic at 9:30 and sale at 11:00. For more information call Trish Hays at 875-2152.

## Montana 4-H Congress

4-H Step Up - Step Out, July 11-14 @ MSU. Montana 4-H Congress provides youth from across the state an opportunity to come together on the Montana State University campus in Bozeman for 4 days and participate in an event like no other. Congress offers both youth and adults a venue in which to learn, be challenged, and most of all have a great time with their peers. Its purpose is to provide a safe and fun environment for youth to experience all that 4-H congress has to offer including: contests, workshops, entertainment, social events and much more. Youth who attend Montana 4-H Congress are given a unique opportunity to challenge of STEPPING OUT of their comfort zone and have a great time doing it! Contact the Extension



**Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council**  
**March 14, 2006**  
**MacKenzie River Pizza, Belgrade, MT**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:36pm by President, Ginny Francis.

**ROLL CALL:** Council members present were Naomi Woienski, Sandra Feigi, Leia Miller, Ginny Francis, Carrie Hotzel, Rita Nixon, Todd Kesner, Kathy Cheney, Brenda Townsend, and Kelley Phipps. Guests present were Sonja Berg.

**SECRETARY'S REPORTS:** Carrie moved, seconded by Brenda that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried. A thank you note was received from Lizzy Vaughn for the scholarship she received. A scholarship request was received for the Youth Horsemanship Camp, and thank you letters from the Fair Ground were received by several project leaders.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Brenda moved, seconded by Kelley that the Financial Report was approved as written. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Concern was expressed in regards to the executive board session and that it was not reflected in the minutes.

**REPORTS:**

- The Fair Book Committee met on February 23, 2006 at McKenzie River Pizza. Discussion included revisions to the Fair Book and the Foods Project.
- The WRLF attendees shared their experiences at the Western Regional Leaders Forum. All the attendees had a marvelous time and brought back a lot of knowledge. The attendees and Todd expressed many thanks for the opportunity to attend this event and the help received.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Square Table: The next square table event will be entitled, "Fun, Frolic, and 4-H: Come Play With Us!" The at tentative scheduled date is Thursday, April 27, 2006, at 6:30 pm, at the Belgrade Middle School and is open to 4-H leaders, families, and members. The event will feature hands on fun and activities from the WRLF attendee's experience. Plan on attending this fun and exciting time!
- Scholarship Application: Naomi did a wonderful job creating a generalized scholarship application. Kathy moved, seconded by Brenda, that the application be approved with the amendments of adding the total cost of event and the requested amount, adding an amount approved section, comment section, and written by Gallatin County 4-H and date. In addition, the application be posted on the web. Motion carried
- Demo Day: There are many prizes collected and still being collected. Please do not forget to gather your prizes in time for Demo Day.
- Montana 4-H Foundation Dinner: The dinner will be held at Zoot Enterprises on, March 25, 2006. Carrie moved, seconded by Brenda, that a total of \$310.00 be taken from the Member Trips and State 4-H Support Legislative Breakfast accounts to be divided between the attendees. Motion carried.
- New Ambassadors Needed: We are in need of new Ambassadors who turned 14 year of age by October 01, 2005 and older. These Ambassadors promote 4-H to non 4-H audiences. Please contact the 4-H office for an application if you know of everyone interested.
- Club Display Competition at Fair: The rules required for these displays are still in process of being written.

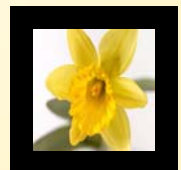
**NEW BUSINESS:**

- District 6 Leaders Meeting: This meeting will be held on April 01, 2006 in Harlowton at 10 am. The cost is \$6.00 per person. An email will be sent out to key leaders regarding this information.
- MSU Horse Camp Scholarships: One request to date has been received. Todd will forward this information on to reserve this person's spot. Scholarship amounts will be discussed at the next meeting when we are aware of all the persons applying for this scholarship.
- 4-H Club Set-up: Kathy moved, seconded by Kelley, that we give a welcome gift including the flags, pledges, gavel, officers books, a carrying bag, and \$50.00 be made up to help the start-up of these new charters. Motion carried. Brenda, with the assistance of Ginny, will be writing the grant.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- April 04, 2006 is Demo Day for members ages 12 and older.
- April 06, 2006 is Demo Day for members ages 11 and younger.
- April 11, 2006 is the Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council meeting.
- April 20, 2006 is the Gallatin 4-H Foundation meeting.

**ADJOURNED:** Sandra moved, seconded by Naomi, that we adjourn at 8:25 pm. Motion carried.



Kelley Phipps, Secretary

## National Volunteer Week - April 23-29, 2006

**THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS!!! WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!!!**

Sponsored by the Points of Light Foundation, National Volunteer Week is about thanking one of America's most valuable assets – our volunteers – and calling the public's attention to all that they do to improve our communities. The 2006 theme is **"Inspire By Example"** because it truly reflects the power volunteers have to inspire the people they help, as well as, to inspire others to serve! National Volunteer Week began in 1974 when President Richard Nixon signed an executive order establishing the week as an annual celebration of volunteering. Since then, every U.S. President has signed a proclamation promoting National Volunteer Week. Additionally, governors, mayors and other elected officials make public statements and sign proclamations in support of National Volunteer Week.

**WE SALUTE THE VOLUNTEERS IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO DONATE THEIR TIME AND TALENTS TO HELP BUILD OUR YOUNG PEOPLE FOR THE FUTURE THROUGH THE EXTENSION 4-H PROGRAM. THANKS FOR TOUCHING THE FUTURE THROUGH OUR YOUTH.** Take a minute and thank your club leader, project leader, or others who give their time to our youth.



## Livestock Judging

**Missoula** County Livestock Judging Contest, April 8 at the Ag Education Center on South Avenue. The MSU Judging Team will officiate the event. No experience is necessary to participate. 8:30 am is registration with judging to begin at 9:00 am. The top 4 senior winners have a chance to compete at State 4-H Congress in July. Parents may purchase lunch for a fee. Contestants pay \$6.00 if registered in advance; or \$8.00 the day of judging. Contestant fees include lunch. Contact the Gallatin County 4-H office for registration forms.

**Custer** County Spring Livestock Judgings: April 26, 2006; Ft. Keogh in Miles City; 4:00 p.m. Prizes will be awarded. If you have any questions please call the Custer County Extension Office at 874-3370.

**4-H** District 4 and Hi-Line 4-H & FFA Livestock Judging Contest to be held in Glasgow at the Valley County Fairgrounds on April 30, 2006.

**Beaverhead** Bonanza Junior Livestock Show has been scheduled for June 24th and 25th at the Beaverhead County Fairgrounds, please add this to your calendars of dates.

**ATTENTION ALL HORSE MEMBERS:** THE HORSE COMMITTEE IS SPONSORING A MONTANA STATE HORSE SHOW ASSOCIATION (MSHSA) HORSE SHOW THIS YEAR FOR OUR MAIN FUNDRAISER. IN ORDER TO MAKE IT WORK, WE ARE ASKING YOU TO SOLICIT DONATIONS FOR THE SHOW. LOOK IN YOUR CLUB'S BOX AT THE 4-H OFFICE, OR CONTACT THE 4-H OFFICE FOR THE DONATION FORMS. ALL DONATIONS NEED TO BE TURNED IN TO THE 4-H OFFICE BY THE END OF APRIL. PRIZE TO THE CLUB WITH THE MOST DONATIONS!!! MONEY FROM THE SHOW WILL GO TOWARDS BRINGING IN MORE CLINICIANS AT REDUCED PRICES, AND PROVIDING BETTER/MORE HIGHPOINT PRIZES AT THE FAIR. CALL KATIE WITH QUESTIONS AT 580-9278.

## Whitehall B-Y's 4-H Youth Rodeo

The B-Y's Youth Rodeo will be held on Sunday, May 7, at the Whitehall Rodeo Grounds. All youth ages 8-18 years old are invited to participate. Events include cow and steer riding, calf roping, breakaway roping, team roping, calf daubing, goat tying pole bending, barrel racing, and ribbon race. Fees are \$8 per event and all registrations are due April 14<sup>th</sup>. Contact the Gallatin County MSU Extension Office for details and a registration form.





## Horse

**Horse Committee Members:** Misty Radue, 388-6655; Amy Lewis, 580-6693; Katie Cooper, 580-9278, Dana Adams, 587-3072; Barb Barber, 282-7030; Jeff Cooper, 388-1624.

The next Horse Committee Meeting is April 17th at 6:30 pm at the Kountry Korner Kafe in Four Corners.

ATTENTION: PLEASE REMEMBER YOU MUST BE LEVEL 4 OR UP TO ATTEND THE RANCH HORSE AND COLT TO MATURITY WORKSHOPS. IF YOU HAVE NOT ASSESSED TO LEVEL 4 YET, PLEASE CONTACT A HORSE COMMITTEE MEMBER ASAP. NO NON LEVEL 4 OR UP MEMBERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE.

HELMETS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL HORSE RELATED 4-H ACTIVITIES. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!! Helmets are ready to be picked up. Call Katie to make arrangements.

**If you haven't filled out a 2005-2006 contract yet, or haven't turned in your horse ID cards, please do so ASAP at the 4-H office. Call Katie with questions. All contracts and ID cards must be finalized by May 1st. People missing these items will be in jeopardy of not being able to show at fair!!!!**

If you assess, please contact the 4-H office to let them know. There are several discrepancies, and in order to participate in fair you must be listed in the correct level at the 4-H office.

### **Horsemanship:**

**April 15<sup>th</sup>: Tack Cleaning and Stall Cleaning.** 1-5 pm. Fairgrounds. Come and learn how to properly clean and care for your tack, and work off some of our Fairgrounds bill at the same time. Pre-register with Dana at 580-5627 by April 10<sup>th</sup>.

**April 15<sup>th</sup>: English Equitation Workshop.** 1-5 pm. Fairgrounds. Pre-register with Katie at 580-9278 by April 10<sup>th</sup>.

**April 18<sup>th</sup>: Horse Vaccinations and Worming.** A Fort Dodge representative will be presenting all of the latest information on horse vaccines and worming. Jr. Leaders to follow with additional program. 6:30pm. Building 4 at the Fairgrounds. Pre-register with Katie Holland by April 14<sup>th</sup> at 388-0879.

**April 29<sup>th</sup>: Pattern Workshop.** The Junior Leaders will be covering the in's, out's, and how's of riding a proper horsemanship pattern. Pre-register with Katie Holland at 388-0879 by April 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Green Horse/C2M:**

**April 15 at Kountz Arena.** Yearlings from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. 2+ years old from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Green Horse from 1:30-4:00. **CALL BARB AT 282-7030 OR 920-1968 IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING.**

### **Ranch Horse:**

Call Jeff at 388-1624 to pre-register.

### **Horseless Horse:**

**April 10<sup>th</sup>** at Susan Taylor's arena. 6:00-7:00 pm. PARK ON THE PAVEMENT PLEASE AND WALK DOWN TO THE BARN!!!!

## 2005 State Horse Show in Dillon May 5-7, 2006.

The 2005 State 4-H Horse Show is being held in Dillon on May 5th, 6th, and 7th, 2006. All of the regular classes will be held along with some fun classes and entertainment. The schedule will be basically the same as last year. There are beautiful buckles, great ribbons, and other prizes waiting to go home with you. Since this is a spring show, many of the horses may be hairy (no worries) and so for fun there will be a prize for the horse with the most hair. You can pick up registration information at the Gallatin County Extension Office or on-line at [www.montana4h.org](http://www.montana4h.org), click on 4H Center, projects, horse. Contact us at 582-3280 if you have any questions.

## Summer Fun in Bozeman Open Horse Show

Don't miss the "Summer Fun in Bozeman" open horse show fundraiser for the Gallatin County 4-H Horse program to be held on June 17-18, 2006 at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. This show has been approved by the Montana State Horse Show Association and is an American Paint Horse Association special event as well as a APHA Paint Alternative Competition. Affordable fees are required depending on the classes you wish to participate in. For complete details, contact the Gallatin County MSU Extension Office at 582-3280 or 4-H leaders Christine Holland (388-0829) or Katie Cooper (580-9278).



**Beef:** **April 8** at 4:30 Market/Breeding Beef Workshop. We will evaluate a pen of steers and talk about feeding. This will also be considered a Livestock Judging workshop. Call Lola Brogger at 285-6730 for directions.

Beef weigh-in **April 15** at 1:00 at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. Remember we will be leading the steers across the scale. We will also be doing a showmanship workshop after the weigh-in, so bring your show sticks.

There are a lot of open shows around the state this year, they are great practice and a good learning experience also we will count attending one show towards your three required workshops. The dates that I have are Choteau, April 30, Mountain Magic, May 20, Lewistown June 8-10, Deerlodge June 17 and Dillon June 24. If you have any questions call J.D. at 539-0404

**The 12th Annual Mountain Magic Junior Classic** will be held at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds on May 20<sup>th</sup>. This Steer and Heifer show is open to all 4-H, FFA, and Junior Association members. If you have not attended the MMJC in the past and wish to be added to receive entry forms please contact: Sally or Buck Smith Home: 388-7238 or Work: 585-9692



**Clothing and Textiles Project:** April 22, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Valley Bank (Main Branch) in Belgrade, 98 N Broadway--basement. We will be continuing to work on your garment. If you have not already started on your garment, please remember: beginner sewing members need to limit themselves to either elastic-waist shorts, skirt or pajama bottoms using a medium-weight cotton or cotton/polyester woven, non-stretch fabric (flannel is okay). Other skill level members should pick a garment with at least one technique you have not done in the past. Please bring: pattern and appropriate yardage of fabric (be sure to pay attention to width of fabric); all notions (including interfacing) as listed on the back of the pattern envelope; sewing machine and necessary accessories; extension cord; sewing tools including straight pins, tape measure, hem gauge, marking utensil, fabric scissors, paper scissors, seam ripper, extra sewing machine needles; notebook; paper; pen. For any help picking your garment project, buying fabric or any questions, please call Janell Barber at 388-3091.



**Crochet, Knitting, & Embroidery Projects:** Crochet, Knitting, and Embroidery meetings will be held at 6:15 pm - 7:45 pm on the fourth Monday of every month at Rocky Mountain Supply. As a reminder, in order to complete your project and be allowed to display your work at fair, please plan on attending a minimum of three meetings per 4-H year. Please be considerate of Rocky Mountain Supply and let Kelley know if you are not able to attend. Rocky Mountain Supply charges for use of their facility, and generously allows our projects to use their facility free of charge. It is unfair that we have that night reserved if there is not going to be anyone in attendance. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Kelley Phipps at 406-599-1454.



**Dog Agility:** 4-H Dog Agility will start on Thursday, April 6th from 4:15 - 5:30. We will meet at Livestock Barn #2. Please contact Nancy Creel at 522-7748 if you have any questions. The first session will be a workshop working on commitment to obstacles. There will be quite a bit of lecture. If your dog can not sit calmly then please wait till the following week to bring your dog.



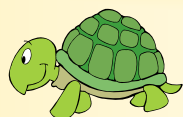
**Food:** MSU students in Family and Consumer Sciences Education/Extension and Nutrition students have teamed up to provide fun lessons that help 4-Hers learn and help MSU students practice teaching.

Mondays: Foods Level 2- Tasty Tidbits and Level 3-You're the Chef.

Wednesdays: Beginning Foods.

Thursdays: Level 1-Six Easy Bites.

All sessions will be held from 6:00 – 7:30 in the Food Lab (Room #120) in Herrick Hall on campus. Herrick Hall is located on the corner of Cleveland and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Please plan to pay \$2 per session (a total of \$20) to help cover the food costs (MSU has graciously donated the use of the lab and some grant money was provided by the Gallatin County 4-H Foundation to cover basic supplies).



**Pocket Pets:** Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month at 6:30, next meeting on April 14th. Meetings will be held at Diane Taylor's house, 7600 Thorpe Rd., Belgrade. Call Diane at 580-6127 or 388-0978 for directions or if you have any questions.





## Quilting

Quilting will be meeting April 1, 10 am at Belgrade Middle school. For more info call Sandra 388-6906



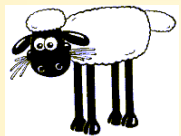
**Poultry:** Rockin Roosters and Poultry Project meetings are Monday, April 3rd at Valley Bank, 6:00 pm for the Rockin Roosters and 7:00 pm for the Poultry Project. Please plan on attending. Please bring your books. Please call Betsy 388-7578 or Sandra 388-6909 with any questions.



**Rabbit:** “Brush Your Own Bunnies” Month. There will be no formal workshop for April. May workshop we will tattoo and work on record books. Day and time to be announced later.



**Scrapbooking:** We will be having a meeting on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Valley Bank of Belgrade from 6:15 pm-9:00 pm. We will continue to work on our albums and borders for the “Critter Crop”. Please bring \$2 and two - three photos for a Mother’s Day card project, your tools and scrap-booking supplies. There are tools and supplies available to use as well. Club Historians are welcome to attend. Please call Elizabeth at 582-1702 if you have any questions.



**Sheep:** May 13 Tagging & Shearing from 8-11. Please call Nancy and set up a time. This will count for one of your required workshops, only if you stay and help work.

Here is another way to satisfy your workshop requirements: If you do your own shearing of your lamb **FOR FAIR**, this will count as a workshop. This is the shearing before **FAIR**, not the shearing at the tagging and shearing workshop.



**Swine: Pig Pool:** The pig pool date is set for April 8th. Viewing is at 11:00, pick your pig is at 12:00 at the Hog Barn at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. If you plan on obtaining your pig from the pig pool and have not RSVP, please contact Sandy at 388-6900 or 581-8080 as soon as possible. This will enable us to have enough pigs for those getting pigs at the pig pool. **Make sure you have signed up for 4-H. If you haven’t, you will not be able to purchase pigs at the pig pool.** If you purchase your pigs elsewhere, you need to contact Sandy or Randy Bryant to obtain ear tags from the Bryant’s. There will be a small fee for the ear tags to cover the cost of the tags. **Do not tag** with your own tags. This will help avoid duplicate ear tag numbers for the market sale at fair. The Bryant’s will also need to know the name of the breeder of your purchased pigs. This information is required for MSU’s swine of excellence program. If you have any questions call Sandy at 388-6900 or 581-8080.



**Vet Science:** Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. It will be a hands-on evening at Double Diamond Veterinary Hospital. Double Diamond is located in Baxter Meadows Subdivision at 3801 Riata Rd. **We will also work on books, please bring your project books with you.** Please feel free to contact Shawna Halvorsen at 539-0895 if you have any questions.



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## FAIR ENTIRES - VERY IMPORTANT!!!!

**ENTRY DEADLINE FOR FAIR: June 28th, 2006 (late entries will be accepted with a late fee from June 29 to July 5th. ABSOLUTELY NO ENTRIES AFTER JULY 5TH, NO EXCEPTIONS!!!)**

This year entries will close 2 weeks before fair and **ABSOLUTELY** no one will be allowed to enter the fair after that. It is difficult to plan ahead for ribbons, space needs, animal stalls and pens, etc if late entries are allowed and not fair to others who have abided by the rules. So watch the newsletter for deadline times and teach your children a valuable lesson - how to turn in entries early so as not to miss out. If you miss the last deadline, your children **WILL NOT** be allowed to exhibit at the fair. Please be considerate of the amount of time it takes to put on a fair and get your entries in on time! Fair entry books will not be mailed out - the only notice will be in this newsletter, so heads up!!! **We will have the 4-H pages of the fairbook available Mid-April in the office or online at [www.gallatinextension.com](http://www.gallatinextension.com).**

New this year, up to date record books are to be shown at interviews or to project leaders at fair time in order to receive your premium money. 4-H is cool because you not only do you get to learn about what you are interested in but you also learn how to keep records and evaluate you own success, failures, and progress. Be proud of yourself and show your record books at fair.

If you are in need of record book forms, contact your leader or the 4-H office, or go online to [www.gallatinextension.com](http://www.gallatinextension.com) and choose 4-H, then - forms and then - record forms.

